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*PLEASE REPLY TO SOUTH BEND OFFICE.*

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (M1-9J)  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request  
Max Katz Bag Company, Inc.  
235 South LaSalle Street  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, we request copies of all documents regarding environmental investigations in the general vicinity of the Max Katz Bag Company, Inc. site at 235 South LaSalle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and neighboring properties (the "Site") including but not limited to indoor air sampling performed by the U.S. EPA in July and December of 2014 and/or indoor sampling performed by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") in February and March of 2014, and all data sets, reports, correspondence, memoranda, and other information related thereto. For more information regarding the Site and the records specifically sought, please refer to the enclosed letter from Doug Lam of IDEM.

We agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Please notify us prior to incurring any expenses in excess of this amount. If this request is denied in whole or part, justify all denials or deletions by reference to the specific exemptions of the Act. We also expect you to release all

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segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. We reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

We look forward to your reply within twenty (20) business days as required by statute. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. P. Cory". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Daniel P. Cory

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December 10, 2015

Donald Katz  
Max Katz Bag Company  
325 South LaSalle Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

To Mr. Katz:

**Re:** Update on IDEM Indoor Air Sampling of  
Properties on South LaSalle Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

This letter is to provide you an update regarding indoor air sampling conducted in homes on South LaSalle Street by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") from February 18 to March 5, 2014. The purpose of the sampling was to determine whether chemicals were present in the air in the homes due to contamination from former commercial and industrial properties located along South LaSalle Street. On June 18, 2014, IDEM sent the homeowners letters indicating that the samples taken inside the homes showed the presence of several chemicals in excess of governmental standards, including perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, benzene, ethylbenzene, and xylene.

**IDEM has concluded that these test results were erroneous.** Pace Analytical, the privately owned laboratory that analyzed the samples, has determined that its analysis was incorrect, and the test results did not reflect the indoor air levels at the homes at time of testing. Therefore, IDEM's letter was incorrect.

Later testing by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in July and December 2014 showed that chemicals in air samples taken from the homes were below governmental standards. Based upon those results, EPA sent the homeowners a letter stating that there was no need for action.

You are encouraged to contact IDEM's Project Manager, Doug Lam, at (317) 234-5344 if you have any questions. IDEM will keep you informed about the contamination present in the South LaSalle Street area, particularly as it pertains to potential impacts to the residents. Thank you for your cooperation as IDEM moves forward with this investigation.

Sincerely,

Doug Lam, Project Manager  
Office of Land Quality

cc: Project file

